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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S NATIONAL DAY SPEECH: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT TARGETS

1. SUMMARY: IN HIS ANNUAL AUGUST 17 NATIONAL DAY ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT AND THE NATION, PRESIDENT SUHARTO OUTLINED A PROGRAM OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT AS THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS OF REPELITA III, THE COUNTRY'S THIRD FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1979-1984). SUHARTO HAS CLEARLY EMBRACED BASIC NEEDS OF POOR AS A MAJOR THRUST OF NEXT FIVE YEARS ALONG WITH SUSTAINED GROWTH. END SUMMARY.

2. EARLY IN HIS SPEECH PRESIDENT SUHARTO NOTED THE FACT THAT "OUR STATE IS NOT ONLY BUILT UPON THE PRINCIPLE
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OF SOVEREIGNITY OF THE PEOPLE, BUT IS ALSO AIMED AT THE PEOPLE'S PROSPERITY." WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF PANCASILA DEMOCRACY. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE PRESIDENT ALLUDED TO THE "CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS" WITH THE COMMENT THAT "FOR THE PRESENT TIME, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS OUR MAIN NATIONAL TASK".

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3. EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT THEN BECAME HIS MAJOR
THEME. IN ENUMERATING THE FOUR HISTORIC SIGNS OF
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE PRESIDENT
SAID "THE THIRD SIGN IS THE EXISTENCE OF
NEW HOPES AND DIMENSIONS THAT THE PEOPLE WANT FROM
THE COURSE OF OUR DEVELOPMENT TO DATE. THE
PEOPLE'S FEELINGS REQUIRE DEVELOPMENT TO TAKE ON
GREATER DEPTH AND NOT JUST TO TOUCH UPON THE
SURFACE. TO BE EXPLICIT, WE ARE BEING INCREASINGLY
PRESSED BY THE NECESSITY TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT EVEN
MORE EQUITABLE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ATMOSPHERE
AND MEANING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE."

4. FROM THIS POINT ON SUHARTO REFINED THE
WORD DEVELOPMENT BY CONTINUALLY USING THE WORD EQUITABLE.
HE SAID THAT THE FIRST THREE OF THE SEVEN TARGET
TASKS OF THE COMING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD ARE NOTHING
MORE THAN THE DEVELOPMENT TRILOGY ALREADY RATIFIED
IN THE PEOPLES' CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY DECREE
NO. 8; OF 1978; NAMELY, "MAKING DEVELOPMENT
EQUIPABLE WITH THE AIM OF MATERIALIZING SOCIAL
JUSTICE, SECURING ECONOMIC GROWTH TO QUITE A HIGH
LEVEL AND THE PROMOTION OF NATIONAL STABILITY."
THE PRESIDENT DELIVERATELY UNDERSCORED THE IM-
PORTANCE OF EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT BY RE-STATING
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THE DEVELOPMENT TRILOGY TWICE IN ADDITION TO
POINTING OUT THAT ALL THREE OF THE ELEMENTS OF
THE TRILOGY ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE AND WEIGHT.
OLD POLICIES WHICH ADVANCED THESE GOALS WILL BE
RETAINED, HE SAID AND NEW DEVELOPMENT POLICIES
WILL "CONTINUE TO BE BASED UPON THE DEVELOPMENT
TRILOGY, WITH MORE SONSPICUOUS EMPHASIS UPON THE
MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND ITS
PROCEEDS, LEADING TOWARDS THE MATERIALIZATION OF
SOCIAL JUSTICE." PRESIDENT SUHARTO THEN DIVIDED
THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION INTO EIGHT
PARTS WHICH HE CALLED STEPS OR ACTIVITIES.

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5. CONCERNING "BASIC NECESSITIES FOR THE MASSES", HE ADVOCATED IMPROVING FOOD, CLOTHING AND HOUSING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: (A) GUARANTEEING AN EVEN SUPPLY OF BASIC GOODS IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES AND AT PRICES WITHIN REACH OF THE COMMON PEOPLE; (B) ENSURING THAT PEOPLES' WAGES WILL ENABLE THEM TO BUY THESE NECESSITIES; (C) IMPROVING THE INCOME OF PRO-DUCING FARMERS; (D) IMPROVING AGRICULTURE BY INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY, EXPANDING LAND ACREAGE UNDER CULTIVATION, RAISING USE OF FERTILIZER T MAXIMUM LEVEL, SPREADING PRACTICAL AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION MORE WIDELY, PLANTING SECONDARY CROPS IN ADDITION TO RICE, AND INCREASING NUTRITIONAL CONTENT IN DIET; (E) TAKING STEPS TO REGULATE
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OWNERSHIP OF LAND (MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM ACREAGE) AND OPENING NEW LANDS; AND (F) BUILDING LOW-COST HOUSING USING LOCAL RAW MATERIALS AND LABOR, AND IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTIN THE VILLAGES AND KAMPONGS.

6. ON THE SUBJECT OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH, HE SAID INDONESIA HOPES TO ACHIEVE A LONG-DESIRED NATIONAL IDEAL OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION. REPELITA

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III WILL FURTHER THIS GOAL BY: (A) PLACING ALL
CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES 7 AND 12 IN SCHOOL;
(B) ARRANGING WORK AND STUDY PROGRAMS FOR THOSE
OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS TO COMBAT ILLITERACY; (C)
EXPANDING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, CLASSROOMS, HIGHER
EDUCATION, AND SCHOOL DROP-OUT PROGRAMS; (D)
HEIGHTENING QUALITY OF EDUCATION BY EMPHASIZING
LANGUAGE, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SUBJECTS
AND PANCASILA MORALS; (E) DRAFTING A BASIC
LAW ON NATIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURE; (F)
PLACING PROMOTION OF THE PRACTICE OF BELIEF IN
GOD ALMIGHTLY UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND CULTURE; (G) INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS AND PUBLIC HOSPITALS; AND
(H) GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO AREAS WITHOUT
CLEAN WATER OR AREAS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHOLERA AND
OTHER DISEASES.

7. ON THE TOPIC OF"EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME
THE PRESIDENT SAID "SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO UNDER-
TAKINGS TO HEIGHTEN THE INCOME OF THE GROUPS OF SOCIETY
WITH LIVELIHOODS THAT YIELD ONLY VERY LOW INCOMES.
IN ADDITION TO THE POLICIES OF A SPECIAL CHARACTER,
ALL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES ARE
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ALSO DIRECTED TOWARDS ENSURING THAT THE LIVINGS
OF THESE LOW INCOME GROUPS ARE RAISED. INCREASING
THE INCOME OF THE VERY POOR PEOPLE IS AN
IMPORTANT PART OF OUR EFFORT TO REDUCE THE
IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR".

8. THE PRESIDENT THEN SPOKE OF "EQUITABLE
JOB OPPORTUNITIES," POINTING OUT THERE IS
A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN EQUITABLE
DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND EQUAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES.
MENTIONING THAT "THE MAJORITY OF THE
VERY POOR PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A
JOB OR WHO DO NOT WORK FULL TIME" HE TIED THE
EQUALIZING OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE SUCCESS
OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. FOR THIS REASON,
HE SAID "EXPANSION OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES CONSTITUTES
A BASIC, OVERALL POLICY, ENCOMPASSING
ALL SECTORAL AND ALSO REGIONAL ACTIVITIES."
POLICIES IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE FIELD (TAXATION,
TECHNOLOGY, FINANCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE,
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ETC) MUST BE GEARED TOWARD
THE CONTINUALLY INCREASING ABSORPTION OF MORE
MANPOWER AND THE EXPANSION OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES
THROUGH LABOR-INTENSIVE UNDERTAKINGS.

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9. "EQUITABLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES" SUHARTO CONTINUED, WILL INVOLVE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE SMALL BUSINESS, THE ECONOMICALLY WEAK, FOREIGN INVESTMENT "IN FIELDS THAT CANNOT YET BE EXPLOITED BY OUR OWN NATIONALS", AND ADDITIONAL JOINT VENTURES. IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 33 OF THE 1945 CONSTITUTION, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO BUILD UP THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR (BUDD/KUD) INTO LOCALLY OWNED AND MANAGED INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID.

10. ON THE SUBJECT OF "EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES T PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN," THE PRESIDENT SAID "ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO SEE THAT THERE IS EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FULLEST PARTICIPATION IN
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DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES BY THE YOUNG GENERATION,
AND A NATIONAL POLICY WILL BE DRAWN UP ON YOUTH
AFFAIRS IN AN OVERALL AND INTEGRATED WAY."
IN ADDITION, "AS A REFLECTION OF THEIR EQUAL
RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES WITH MEN"
THERE WILL BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR BASIC
EDUCATION AND TRAINING WHICH WILL ENABLE "CADRES
OF WOMEN" TO PARTICIPATE IN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT
AND INCREASED EARNING POWER.

1. IN ORDER TO ASSURE "EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION
OF DEVELOPMENT OVER THE WHOLE OF INDONESIA"
SUHARTO SAID THAT PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO
BACKWARD AND DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS, TO HARMONIZATION
OF INTER-REGIONAL GROWTH, TO
TRANSMIGRATION, AND TO BETTER REGIONAL
GOVERNMENTAL APPARATUS. THERE WILL BE
EMPHASIS ON VILLAGE AND SMALL TOWN SELF-
IMPROVEMENT THAT WILL "SIMULTANEOUSLY REDUCE
THE ATTACK OF URBANIZATION UPON THE CITIES".

12. ON THE SUBJECT OF "EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES
TO OBTAIN JUSTICE" WHICH CONCLUDES THE
SOCIAL WELFARE PORTION OF HIS SPEECH, PRESIDENT
SUHARTO DECLARED THAT "AN UNCEASING
DEMAND OF THE CONSCIENCE IS FOR THE MATERIALIZATION
OF JUSTICE, ESPECIALLY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE IN
THE FIELD OF LAW". HE THEN CALLED FOR
SPEEDIER TRIALS, MORE LEGAL BODIES AND PERSONNEL,
LEGAL AID FOR THE POOR, PROTECTION AND/OR
PUNISHMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS THROUGH LAW, AND
A LAW AND ORDER SYSTEM WHICH WILL INCREASE
PUBLIC CONFIDENCE.
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13. COMMENTS: SUHARTO FORESOOK ANY ATTEMPT IN THIS
YEAR'S SPEECH TO IMPRESS HIS AUDIENCE WITH
AN ACCOUNTING OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESSES
TO DATE. INSTEAD, HE CONCENTRATED ON THE
THEME OF MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT
AND ITS PROCESSES. WE ARE TOLD THAT SUHARTO,
AGAINST THE ADVICE OF SOME OF HIS
COUNSELLORS, WHO THOUGHT HE MIGHT PUT HIMSELF
TOO FAR OUT ON A LIMB WHEN IT CAME TO ACTUAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE IDEAS, INSISTED ON
THEIR INCLUSION IN HIS SPEECH, BELIEVING HE
HAD A MORAL OBLIGATION TO THE PEOPLE TO DO SO.
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